

## RESULTS OF THE 2024 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

MARCH 16, 2024

The Annual Town Meeting was held at the Islesford Neighborhood House. There were 58 Voters in attendance. Denise McCormick, Town Clerk opened the meeting at 8:30 am.

The Articles were voted on as follows:

1 To elect by ballot a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Joseph Connell nominated Michael Todd. No other nominations.

6 Votes Cast, 6 votes Michael Todd.

2 To elect by ballot a Town Clerk for the ensuing year and to vote compensation.

Barbara Fernald nominated Denise McCormick

8 Votes Cast, 8 Votes Denise McCormick.

Jeri Spurling motioned to set the Compensation for the year at \$8,000, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jason Pickering  
Unanimous Vote to approve.

3 To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will approve the use of the Maine Municipal Association's recommended Maine Moderator's Manual "Rules of Procedures" for the conduct of this Town Meeting.

Wendy Todd motioned to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Theodore Spurling.

Unanimous Vote to approve.

4 To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry isles will vote to approve opening the floor of this Town Meeting to all non-registered persons for the purpose of discussion only on each of the following articles of this 2024 Warrant.

Barbara Fernald motioned to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Amy Palmer.

Unanimous Vote to approve.

5 To elect by ballot a Selectboard member for the term of 3 three years.

Richard Howland nominated Katelyn Damon.

Colleen Bunker nominated George Dickson

Jeri Spurling nominated Florence Joy Sprague. Joy declined the nomination.

There were 47 Votes Cast, 27 Votes Katelyn Damon, 20 Votes George Dickson.

6 To vote compensation for all Selectboard members for the ensuing year.

Wendy Todd motioned to set it at \$8,000 for chair and 7,500 for the others, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Theodore Spurling.

Unanimous vote to approve.

7. To elect by ballot a Town Treasurer for the ensuing year and to vote compensation.

Barbara Fernald nominated Denise McCormick.

8 Votes Cast, 8 Votes Denise McCormick

Bruce Fernald motioned to set compensation at \$11,000 for the year, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Barbara Fernald.

Unanimous Vote to approve.

8. To elect by ballot a Collector of Taxes and Collector of Excise Taxes for the ensuing year and to vote compensation.

Nanette Hadlock nominated Denise McCormick.

5 Votes Cast, 5 Votes Denise McCormick.

Barbara Fernald motioned to set compensation at \$29,000 for the year, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bruce Fernald.

Unanimous Vote to approve.

9. To elect by ballot a member of the Superintending School Committee for a term of three years.

Barbara Meyers nominated Cari Alley

Katelyn Damon nominated Hannah Folsom.

39 Votes Cast, 21 Votes Cari Alley, 18 Votes Hannah Folsom.

10. To vote the hourly rate of pay for Town Officials and Employees.

George Dickson motioned to set the rate at \$18 to 35, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Barbara Fernald.

Majority vote to approve, 1 Vote to oppose.

11. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to collect interest at the rate of eight Percent (8%) APR on all 2024 taxes not paid by December 01, 2024. Municipalities may, by vote, determine the rate of interest that shall apply to taxes that become delinquent during the taxable year 2024 until those taxes are paid in full. The maximum rate of interest that can be charged per Title 36, MRSA 505.04 is eight and one-half percent (8.5) APR.

Barbara Fernald motioned to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by George Dickson.

Unanimous Vote to approve.

12. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to allow a two percent (2%) discount on all taxes which are paid in full within thirty (30) days of the date shown on the original bill as submitted by the Tax Collector.

Jeri Spurling motioned to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bruce Fernald.

Unanimous Vote to approve.

13. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to authorize the Treasurer to expend funds in January 2025, February 2025, and March 2025 equal in aggregate to three twelfths (3/12<sup>th</sup>) of the Operator's Budget approved for the Year 2024. This authorization will permit the Treasurer to prepare Financial Warrants for approval by the Selectboard, prepare checks and legally pay bills pending approval of the entire Operations Budget by the Voters in March 2025.

Jeri Spurling motioned to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by George Dickson

Unanimous Vote to approve.

Schools:

14A. To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for Regular Instruction for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025.

Amy Palmer motioned to set the sum at **\$384,819**, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Barbara Fernald.

Unanimous Vote to approve.

14B To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for Special Education for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025.

Barbara Fernald motioned to set the sum at **\$177,464**, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Amy Palmer.

Unanimous Vote to approve.

14C. To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for Career and Technical Education for the fiscal year beginning July 01, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025.

Bruce Fernald motioned to set the sum at **\$-0-**. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Amy Palmer.

Unanimous Vote to approve.

14D. To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for Other Instructions for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025.

Bruce Fernald motioned to set the sum at **\$11,144**, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Amy Palmer.

Unanimous Vote to approve.

14E. To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for Student & Staff Support for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025.

Jeri Spurling motioned to set the sum at **\$33,766**, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jason Pickering.

Unanimous Vote to approve.

14F. To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for System Administration for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025.

Jeri Spuring motioned to set the sum at **\$24,880**, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeff Pease.

Unanimous Vote to approve.

14G To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for School Administration for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025.

Barbara Fernald motioned to set the sum at **\$66,859**, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Amy Palmer.

Unanimous Vote to approve.

14H To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for Transportation & Buses for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025.

Goerge Dickson motioned to set the sum at **\$58,100**, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Amy Palmer.

Unanimous Vote to approve.

14I To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for Facilities Maintenance for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025.

Barbara Fernald motioned to set the sum at **\$198,804**, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Amy Palmer.

Unanimous Vote to approve.

14J. To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for Debt Service and Other Commitments for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025.

Bruce Fernald motioned to set the sum at **\$-0-**, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Katherine Fernald.

Unanimous Vote to approve.

14K To see what sum the School Committee is authorized to expend for All Other Expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025.

Bruce Fernald motioned to set the sum at **\$-0-**, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Katherine Fernald.

Unanimous Vote to approve.

14A-14K authorizes a total budget of \$955,836.

14L. To see what sum the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will appropriate for the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act (Recommend \$283,905) and to see what sum the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will raise as the Town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15688 for the period July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025. HAND COUNT REQUIRED

Any Palmer motioned to set the sum at **\$229,392**, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Barbara Fernald.

Hand Count Vote. There were 31 Yes, 0 No.

14M To see what sum the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will raise and appropriate for the annual payments on debt service previously approved by legislative body for non-state-funded school construction projects, non-state funded portions of school construction projects and minor capital projects in addition to the funds appropriated as the local share of the Town of Cranberry Isles' contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 for the period July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025. HAND COUNT REQUIRED.

Jeri Spurling motioned to set the sum at **\$-0-**, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Amy Palmer.

32 HAND VOTES RAISED, 32 VOTES YES, -0- NO.

14N. To see what sum the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will raise and appropriate in additional local funds for school purposes (\$440,263) for the period July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by (\$440,263) as required to fund the budget recommended by the School Committee.

The School Committee recommends \$440,263 for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by \$440,263: The State funding model underestimates the actual costs to fully fund the 2024-2025 budget.

Amy Palmer motioned to set the sum at **\$440,263**, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Barbara Fernald.

By Written Ballots, 16 Ballots Cast, 14 Ballots Yes, 2 Ballots No.

14O. To see what sum the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will authorize the School Committee to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025 from the Town's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten through grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act, non-state-funded construction projects, additional local funds for school purposes under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15690, unexpended balances, tuition receipts, state subsidy and other receipts for the support of schools. HAND COUNT REQUIRED.

Cari Alley motioned to set the sum at **\$955,836**, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Amy Palmer.

Hand Count Vote, 30 Votes, 30 Votes Yes, 0 Votes No.

14P. In addition to the amount in 14A-14O, shall the School Committee be authorized to expend such other sums as may be received from federal or state grants or programs or other sources during the fiscal year 2024-25 for school purposes provided that such grants, programs or other sources do not require the expenditure of other funds not previously appropriated?

Amy Palmer motioned to set the sum to **\$29,765**, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cari Alley.

Unanimous Vote to approve.

14Q. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will authorize the School Committee to have the Ashley Bryan School remain open for the 2024-2025 school year with a projected enrollment of approximately eleven students.

Cari Alley motioned to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Amy Palmer.

Unanimous Vote to approve.

14R. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will authorize the School Committee to have the Longfellow School remain open for the 2024-2025 school year with an unknown projected enrollment.

Cari Alley motioned to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Amy Palmer.

Unanimous Vote to approve.

15. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to appropriate and expend forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) for a feasibility study for dredging at the Cranberry Isles Municipal Dock on Sutton Island, including drilling, sampling and reports, and to further authorize the Municipal Officers to do any and all things necessary to award and enter into agreements necessary on behalf of the Town, expend the funds, and do all other things reasonably necessary to accomplish the purpose of this article.

Cari Alley motioned to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Amy Palmer.

Unanimous Vote to approve.

16. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to borrow funds in the original principal amount of up to three hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$350,000) to redevelop the Cranberry Isles Manset property at 15 Mansell Lane, in Southwest Harbor to expand parking, and to further authorize the Municipal Officers to do any and all things necessary to award and enter into agreements necessary on behalf of the Town, expend the funds and do all other things reasonably necessary to accomplish the purpose of this article.

Cari Alley motioned to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Amanda Bracy.

Unanimous Vote to approve.

17. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to appropriate and expend up to sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000) for structural repairs at the Great Cranberry and Little Cranberry Island town garage/transfer stations and to further authorize the Municipal Officers to do any and all things necessary to award and enter into necessary contracts on behalf of the Town, expend the funds and do all other things reasonably necessary to accomplish the purpose of this article.

Amy Palmer motioned to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeff Pease.

Unanimous Vote to approve.

18. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to appropriate and expend up to thirty-two thousand dollars (\$32,000) to construct a new float for the

Little Cranberry Island Town Dock, and to further authorize the Municipal Officers to do any and all things necessary to award and enter into agreements necessary on behalf of the Town, expend the funds, and do all other things reasonably necessary to accomplish the purpose of this article.

Cari Alley motioned to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wendy Todd.

Unanimous Vote to approve.

19. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to borrow funds in the original principal amount of up to five hundred thousand dollars (\$550,000) to pay for damages to Town Infrastructure from the January 10, 2024 storm and to further authorize the Municipal Officers to do any and all things necessary to award and enter into agreements and necessary design and construction contracts on behalf of the Town, expend the funds, and do all other things reasonably necessary to accomplish the purpose of this article.

George Dickson motioned to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeri Spurling.

Barbara Fernald motions to amend the article to read “five hundred and fifty thousand dollars”, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nickloas Hadlock.

Unanimous vote to amend.

Unanimous vote to approve.

20. Shall an ordinance entitled **Town of Cranberry Isles Consumer Fireworks Ordinance** be enacted?

Barbara Fernald motioned to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bruce Fernald.

Unanimous vote to approve.

21. Shall an ordinance entitled **Land Use and Shoreland Zoning Ordinance, March 16, 2024** be enacted?

Sam Flavin motioned to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Phillippe Donald.

Majority vote to approve, 2 votes opposed.

22. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to authorize the Select Board to enter a twelve (12) month lease agreement in 2024 with Chelsea Holdings, LLC for use of property on Joy Road in Northeast Harbor, Maine, for parking of residents of and visitors to, the Cranberry Isles.

Bruce Fernald motioned to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wendy Todd.

Unanimous vote to approve.

23. To see if the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to hold the next annual Town Meeting In 2025, on 15, March 2025 at the Longfellow School, on Great Cranberry Island, Maine and to open the meeting at 9:00 AM

Nanette Hadlock motioned to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tammy Palmer.

Joe Connell motioned to amend the article to hold the Meeting at the Congregational Church of Cranberry Isles, on Great Cranberry Island, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Barbara Meyers.

Unanimous vote to amend.

Unanimous vote to approve.

24 To see what sum the voters of the Town of Cranberry Isles will vote to raise and appropriate for each function of Town operations as shown in the Operations Budget. Each function shall be voted upon separately.

Dept. 51: General Government \$385,030.

Bruce Fernald motioned to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Barbara Fernald.

Unanimous vote to approve.

Dept 52: Public Safety \$104,645

Barbara Fernald motioned to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bruce Fernald.

Unanimous Vote to approve.

Dept 53: Health and Sanitation \$261,092

Jeri Spurling motioned to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sam Flavin.

Unanimous vote to approve.

Dept 54: Public Transportation \$265,340

George Dickson motioned to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Amy Palmer.

Unanimous vote to approve.

Dept 55: Schools \$955,836

George Dickson motioned to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kelly Dickson.

Unanimous vote to approve.

Dept 56: Donations \$29,250

David Thomas motioned to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sam Flavin.

Unanimous vote to approve.

Dept 57: Debt Service \$ 286,626

David Thomas motioned to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kelly Dickson.

Unanimous vote to approve.

Dept 58: Municipal Facilities \$1,168,663

Barbara Meyers motioned to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bruce Fernald.



Unanimous Vote to approve

Total Operations Budget

Estimated General Funds Receipts	\$228,451
School Dept (State Subsidies & ( Misc)	286,181
Commuter Service Subsidy	32,400
Community Resilience Grant	49,450
Loans	900,000
Property Taxes 2024	1,960,000
<b>Total:</b>	<b>3,456,482</b>

Bruce Fernald motions to approve total 2024 budget, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeri Spurling.

Unanimous Vote to approve.

Joe Connell motions to adjourn the meeting at 10:53 AM, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Shippen Savage.

Unanimous vote to Adjourn.